

*Please provide the following information, and submit to the NOAA DM Plan Repository.*

**Reference to Master DM Plan (if applicable)**

*As stated in Section IV, Requirement 1.3, DM Plans may be hierarchical. If this DM Plan inherits provisions from a higher-level DM Plan already submitted to the Repository, then this more-specific Plan only needs to provide information that differs from what was provided in the Master DM Plan.*

URL of higher-level DM Plan (if any) as submitted to DM Plan Repository:

**1. General Description of Data to be Managed****1.1. Name of the Data, data collection Project, or data-producing Program:**

Species of Concern

**1.2. Summary description of the data:**

Species of Concern are those species about which NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has some concerns regarding status and threats, but for which insufficient information is available to indicate a need to list the species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

**1.3. Is this a one-time data collection, or an ongoing series of measurements?**

Ongoing series of measurements

**1.4. Actual or planned temporal coverage of the data:**

2008 to Present

**1.5. Actual or planned geographic coverage of the data:**

W: -84, E: -63, N: 48, S: 24

East Coast (Maine to Florida)

W: -99, E: -81, N: 30, S: 24

Gulf of Mexico

W: -130, E: -114, N: 49, S: 32

West Coast (Washington to California)

W: -180, E: -141, N: 73, S: 52

Alaska

W: -162, E: -152, N: 23, S: 17

Hawaii

**1.6. Type(s) of data:**

*(e.g., digital numeric data, imagery, photographs, video, audio, database, tabular data, etc.)*  
web page - HTML

**1.7. Data collection method(s):**

*(e.g., satellite, airplane, unmanned aerial system, radar, weather station, moored buoy, research vessel, autonomous underwater vehicle, animal tagging, manual surveys, enforcement activities, numerical model, etc.)*

Instrument: Not Applicable

Platform: Not Applicable

Physical Collection / Fishing Gear: Not Applicable

**1.8. If data are from a NOAA Observing System of Record, indicate name of system:**

**1.8.1. If data are from another observing system, please specify:**

**2. Point of Contact for this Data Management Plan (author or maintainer)**

**2.1. Name:**

Angela Somma

**2.2. Title:**

Metadata Contact

**2.3. Affiliation or facility:**

NMFS Office Of Protected Resources

**2.4. E-mail address:**

Angela.Somma@noaa.gov

**2.5. Phone number:**

(301)713-1401 x193

**3. Responsible Party for Data Management**

*Program Managers, or their designee, shall be responsible for assuring the proper management of the data produced by their Program. Please indicate the responsible party below.*

**3.1. Name:**

Angela Somma

**3.2. Title:**

Data Steward

**4. Resources**

*Programs must identify resources within their own budget for managing the data they produce.*

**4.1. Have resources for management of these data been identified?**

Yes

**4.2. Approximate percentage of the budget for these data devoted to data management (specify percentage or "unknown"):**

Unknown

## 5. Data Lineage and Quality

*NOAA has issued Information Quality Guidelines for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information which it disseminates.*

### 5.1. Processing workflow of the data from collection or acquisition to making it publicly accessible

*(describe or provide URL of description):*

Lineage Statement:

A “Species of Concern” is a species or vertebrate population for which there is concern or great uncertainty about its status. Species of Concern are not listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and are not protected by the ESA. NMFS believes it is important to highlight species that could benefit from proactive conservation efforts. NMFS funds grants to states and management agencies, as well as using internal funding to our science centers and regions, to support projects to conserve Species of Concern.

**5.1.1. If data at different stages of the workflow, or products derived from these data, are subject to a separate data management plan, provide reference to other plan:**

### 5.2. Quality control procedures employed (describe or provide URL of description):

NMFS reviewed the status of the species of concern as a result of a petition to list it under the Endangered Species Act. While ESA listing was determined to not be warranted, NMFS retained this species on the Species of Concern list.

## 6. Data Documentation

*The EDMC Data Documentation Procedural Directive requires that NOAA data be well documented, specifies the use of ISO 19115 and related standards for documentation of new data, and provides links to resources and tools for metadata creation and validation.*

### 6.1. Does metadata comply with EDMC Data Documentation directive?

Yes

**6.1.1. If metadata are non-existent or non-compliant, please explain:**

### 6.2. Name of organization or facility providing metadata hosting:

NMFS Office of Science and Technology

**6.2.1. If service is needed for metadata hosting, please indicate:**

### 6.3. URL of metadata folder or data catalog, if known:

<https://inport.nmfs.noaa.gov/inport/item/29494>

### 6.4. Process for producing and maintaining metadata

*(describe or provide URL of description):*

Metadata produced and maintained in accordance with the NMFS Data Documentation Procedural Directive: <https://inport.nmfs.noaa.gov/inport/downloads/data-documentation-procedural-directive.pdf>

## 7. Data Access

*NAO 212-15 states that access to environmental data may only be restricted when distribution is explicitly limited by law, regulation, policy (such as those applicable to personally identifiable information or protected critical infrastructure information or proprietary trade information) or by security requirements. The EDMC Data Access Procedural Directive contains specific guidance, recommends the use of open-standard, interoperable, non-proprietary web services, provides information about resources and tools to enable data access, and includes a Waiver to be submitted to justify any approach other than full, unrestricted public access.*

### 7.1. Do these data comply with the Data Access directive?

No

#### 7.1.1. If the data are not to be made available to the public at all, or with limitations, has a Waiver (Appendix A of Data Access directive) been filed?

No

#### 7.1.2. If there are limitations to public data access, describe how data are protected from unauthorized access or disclosure:

The data collected for species of concern is publicly accessible at OPR website: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/concern/>.

"Species of concern" status does not carry any procedural or substantive protections under the ESA.

### 7.2. Name of organization of facility providing data access:

NMFS Office Of Protected Resources

#### 7.2.1. If data hosting service is needed, please indicate:

Not Applicable

#### 7.2.2. URL of data access service, if known:

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/concern/>

### 7.3. Data access methods or services offered:

The data collected for species of concern are those species about which we have some concerns regarding status and threats, but for which insufficient information is available to indicate a need to list the species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

The Species of Concern list:

- Identifies species potentially at risk
- Identifies data deficiencies and uncertainties in species' status and threats
- Increases public awareness about those species

- Stimulates cooperative research efforts to obtain the information necessary to evaluate species status and threats

- Fosters voluntary efforts to conserve the species before listing becomes warranted

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/concern/>

#### **7.4. Approximate delay between data collection and dissemination:**

Not Applicable

##### **7.4.1. If delay is longer than latency of automated processing, indicate under what authority data access is delayed:**

Not Applicable

### **8. Data Preservation and Protection**

*The NOAA Procedure for Scientific Records Appraisal and Archive Approval describes how to identify, appraise and decide what scientific records are to be preserved in a NOAA archive.*

#### **8.1. Actual or planned long-term data archive location:**

*(Specify NCEI-MD, NCEI-CO, NCEI-NC, NCEI-MS, World Data Center (WDC) facility, Other, To Be Determined, Unable to Archive, or No Archiving Intended)*

To Be Determined

##### **8.1.1. If World Data Center or Other, specify:**

##### **8.1.2. If To Be Determined, Unable to Archive or No Archiving Intended, explain:**

Unknown at this time.

#### **8.2. Data storage facility prior to being sent to an archive facility (if any):**

NMFS Office Of Protected Resources - Silver Springs, MD

Electronic documents on OPR internal network

#### **8.3. Approximate delay between data collection and submission to an archive facility:**

Not Applicable

#### **8.4. How will the data be protected from accidental or malicious modification or deletion prior to receipt by the archive?**

*Discuss data back-up, disaster recovery/contingency planning, and off-site data storage relevant to the data collection*

Not Applicable

### **9. Additional Line Office or Staff Office Questions**

*Line and Staff Offices may extend this template by inserting additional questions in this section.*